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Claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0188720 to Terrell et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,941,947 to Brown et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner relied upon paragraph [0045] of Terrell et al. as alleged disclosure of the feature "the service server registers and holds an access request in an access registering part until extracted by an access control server upon confirming that the user request may be optimally filled by the server." Page 8, line 15 to page 9, line 6 of the Office Action. (Emphasis added) The cited portions of Terrell et al. only describe, however, the controller 206 forwarding a trigger notification, and the bandwidth broker 126 receiving the trigger notification from the controller 206 and looking up the admission policy database to identify an associated classifier profile. The controller 206 merely determines that the necessary profile is not installed, and forwards the trigger notification to the bandwidth broker, and does not register or hold the trigger notification. And the bandwidth broker 126 merely receives the trigger notification from the controller 206, and looks up a database, and does not register or hold the received trigger notification. Therefore, the cited portions of Terrell et al. do not disclose or suggest "registering" or "holding" the received trigger notification.

And thus, even assuming, arguendo, that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the claimed invention was made to combine Terrell et al. and Brown et al., the combination would still have failed to disclose or suggest,

"[a] network access control method for a network system
comprising:
network apparatuses having packet filtering functions;

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a service server connected with an IP network via the network apparatus, providing contents on the service server to a user;

a user terminal connected with the IP network via the network apparatus, for the user to utilize the contents on the service server;

a reception server connected with the IP network via the network apparatus, receiving an access request to the contents on the service server from the user on behalf of the service server; and

an access control server controlling the network apparatus for a limitation of the access request to the contents on the service server;

said method comprising the steps of:

a) said access control server first denying all the access requests directed to the contents on the service server via the network apparatus;

b) said reception server receiving access request information to the contents on the service server from said user terminals, and registering them in an access list; and

c) said access control server extracting such an amount of the access request information from said access list, based on a processing capability of the service server and a traffic amount for the service server, as that said service server can optimally deal with, and performing traffic control to the network apparatus connected with the user terminals so as to allow the user terminals to directly access the contents on the service server in the other of access requests," as recited in claim 1. (Emphasis added)

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Terrell et al. and Brown et al., separately and in combination, for at least the foregoing reasons. Claim 2 incorporates features that correspond to those of claim 1 cited above, and is, therefore, together with claims 3-12 dependent therefrom, patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons.

The above statements on the disclosure in the cited references represent the present opinions of the undersigned attorney. The Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference that provide the basis for a view contrary to any of the above-stated opinions.

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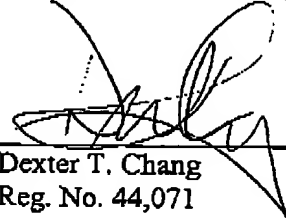
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In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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